

1. A multipurpose handheld implement comprising:

a first member and a second member, the first and second members being connected together to move between a first position, in which they form an elongated body, and a second position;

wherein the first member comprises a staple magazine and a staple driver and the second member comprises a staple anvil of a stapler;

the members when in the second position forming an interspace to receive a workpiece for processing by the stapler as the first and second members are moved relative to one another;

wherein inactivating means are provided by which the stapler is inactivatable so that the members can be moved into the first position without ejecting a staple; and

wherein at least one of the members comprises at least one additional tool movable between respective storing and working positions, the first and second members when in the first position forming a grip for handling the at least one additional tool in its working position.

2. The implement of claim 1, wherein locking means for releasably holding the first and second members in the first position are provided.

3. The implement of claim 2, wherein the locking means comprise a latch manually operable by an actuator on an outside of the implement.

4. The implement of claim 1, wherein the inactivating means automatically inactivates the stapler after each stapling operation.

5. The implement of claim 1, wherein activating means for activating the stapler after inactivation are provided.

6. The implement of claim 5, wherein the activating means are manually operable by an actuator on an outside of the implement.

7. The implement of claim 1, wherein locking means for releasably holding the first and second members in the first position are provided, wherein the locking means comprise a latch manually operable by a first actuator on an outside of the implement, wherein the inactivating means automatically inactivates

the stapler after each stapling operation, wherein activating means for activating the stapler after inactivation are provided, wherein the activating means are manually operable by a second actuator on an outside of the implement, and wherein the first and second actuators are arranged on the first member.

8. The implement of claim 7, wherein the first actuator is a slider switch arranged on a top surface of the first member and the second actuator is a push button arranged on an end surface of the first member, adjacent to the staple driver.

9. The implement of claim 1, wherein the inactivating means is manually operable.

10. The implement of claim 1, wherein the inactivating means interrupts an operative connection between the staple driver and a staple bar within the staple magazine.

11. The implement of claim 10, wherein the staple driver is displaceable between an active and an inactive position.

12. The implement of claim 11, wherein the staple driver is spring-biased in one of the active and inactive positions.

13. The implement of claim 11, wherein the staple driver is displaceable at least into one of the active and inactive positions by an actuator.

14. The implement of claim 10, wherein the inactivating means comprises a displaceable staple stop by which staples are removable from an area where the staple driver moves into the staple magazine.

15. The implement of claim 1, wherein the staple magazine is biased by a spring towards the anvil, wherein the staple magazine is lockable against the bias of the spring and manually releasable, and wherein the stapler is inactivated when the staple magazine is locked.

16. The implement of claim 15, wherein the staple magazine locks itself automatically after each stapling operation in an inactivated position.

17. The implement of claim 15, wherein the staple magazine comprises lateral projections which are engageable by locking hooks provided in the first member.

18. The implement of claim 15, wherein the staple driver is positioned above a staple bar in the staple magazine when the stapler is activated.

19. The implement of claim 15, wherein the staple driver is positioned between a front end of the staple magazine and a staple bar when the stapler is inactivated.

20. The implement of claim 15, wherein the staple magazine is lockable in the first member by a locking mechanism comprising a lever having locking hooks for the staple magazine, the lever being supported by the first member and spring-biased into a locking position.

21. The implement of claim 20, wherein the locking hooks embrace the staple magazine in fork fashion and are moveable into a locking engagement with the staple magazine.

22. The implement of claim 20, wherein the lever is pivotable into a releasing position via an actuator.

23. A multipurpose handheld implement comprising:

a first member and a second member, the first and second members being connected together to move between a first position, in which they form an elongated body, and a second position;

wherein the first member comprises a staple magazine and a staple driver and the second member comprises a staple anvil of a stapler;

the members when in the second position forming an interspace to receive a workpiece for processing by the stapler as the first and second members are moved relative to one another;

wherein locking means for releasably holding the first and second members in the first position are provided;

wherein inactivating means for automatically inactivating the stapler after each stapling operation are provided, so that after each stapling operation the members can be moved into the first position without ejecting a staple; and

wherein activating means are provided for activating the stapler after inactivation by the inactivating means.

24. The implement of claim 23, wherein the locking means comprise a latch, manually operable by an actuator on an outside of the implement.

25. The implement of claim 23, wherein the activating means are manually operable by an actuator on an outside of the implement.

26. The implement of claim 23, wherein the locking means comprise a latch, manually operable by a first actuator on an outside of the implement, wherein the activating means are manually operable by a second actuator on the outside of the implement, and wherein the first and second actuators are arranged on the first member.

27. The implement of claim 26, wherein the first actuator is a slider switch arranged on a top surface of the first member and the second actuator is a push button arranged on an end surface of the first member, adjacent to the staple driver.

28. The implement of claim 23, wherein the staple magazine is biased by a spring towards the anvil, wherein the staple magazine is lockable against the bias of the spring and manually releasable, and wherein the stapler is inactivated when the staple magazine is locked.

29. The implement of claim 28, wherein the staple magazine locks itself automatically after each stapling operation in an inactivated position.

30. The implement of claim 28, wherein the staple magazine comprises lateral projections which are engageable by locking hooks provided in the first member.

31. The implement of claim 23, wherein the staple driver is positioned above a staple bar in the staple magazine when the stapler is activated.

32. The implement of claim 23, wherein the staple driver is positioned between a front end of the staple magazine and a staple bar when the stapler is inactivated.

33. The implement of claim 23, wherein the staple magazine is lockable in the first member by a locking mechanism comprising a lever having locking hooks for the staple magazine, the lever being supported by the first member and spring-biased into a locking position.

34. The implement of claim 33, wherein the locking hooks embrace the staple magazine in fork fashion and are moveable into a locking engagement with the staple magazine.

35. The implement of claim 33, wherein the lever is pivotable into a releasing position via an actuator.

36. A multipurpose handheld implement comprising:

a first member and a second member, the first and second members being connected together to move between a first position, in which they form an elongated body, and a second position;

wherein the first member comprises a staple magazine and a staple driver and the second member comprises a staple anvil of a stapler;

the members when in the second position forming an interspace to receive a workpiece for processing by the stapler as the first and second members are moved relative to one another;

wherein inactivating means by which the stapler is inactivatable and locking means for releasably holding the first and second members in the first position are provided; and

wherein the first member comprises a first activating mechanism for activating the stapler after inactivation by the inactivating means and a second activating mechanism for releasing the locking means;

wherein the first and second activating mechanisms are manually operable by a first and a second actuator, respectively, the actuators being arranged on an outside of the first member.

37. The implement of claim 36, wherein the first actuator for activating the stapler is a push button, arranged on an end surface of the first member adjacent to the staple driver and the second actuator for releasing the locking means is a slider switch, arranged on a top surface of the first member.

38. The implement of claim 36, wherein the inactivating means interrupts an operative connection between the staple driver and a staple bar within the staple magazine.

39. The implement of claim 38, wherein the staple driver is displaceable between an active and an inactive position.

40. The implement of claim 39, wherein the staple driver is spring-biased in one of the active and inactive positions.

41. The implement of claim 39, wherein the staple driver is displaceable at least into one of the active and inactive positions by at least one of the first and second actuators.

42. The implement of claim 38, wherein the inactivating means comprise a displaceable staple stop by which staples are removable from an area where the staple driver moves into the staple magazine.

43. The implement of claim 36, wherein the inactivating means automatically inactivates the stapler after each stapling operation.

44. The implement of claim 43, wherein the staple magazine is biased by a spring towards the anvil, wherein the staple magazine is lockable against the bias of the spring and manually releasable, and wherein the stapler is inactivated when the staple magazine is locked.

45. The implement of claim 44, wherein the staple magazine locks itself automatically after each stapling operation in an inactivated position.

46. The implement of claim 44, wherein the staple magazine comprises lateral projections which are engageable by locking hooks provided in the first member.

47. The implement of claim 44, wherein the staple driver is positioned above a staple bar in the staple magazine when the stapler is activated.

48. The implement of claim 44, wherein the staple driver is positioned between a front end of the staple magazine and a staple bar when the stapler is inactivated.

49. The implement of claim 44, wherein the staple magazine is lockable in the first member by a locking mechanism comprising a lever having locking hooks for the staple magazine, the lever being supported by the first member and spring-biased into a locking position.

50. The implement of claim 49, wherein the locking hooks embrace the staple magazine in fork fashion and are moveable into a locking engagement with the staple magazine.

51. The implement of claim 49, wherein the lever is pivotable into a releasing position via a third actuator.

52. The implement of claim 36, wherein the locking means comprise a latch.

53. A multipurpose handheld implement comprising:

first and second members, each member comprising a hollow outer shell having a circumferential contour defining a respective base surface:

the shells substantially corresponding in shape to each other;

the members being pivotably connected together to move about a member axis extending parallel to the base surfaces and orthogonal to a longitudinal axis of the members between a first position and a second position, the members in the first position forming an elongated, substantially closed body in which the base surfaces face one another, and in which the shells are arranged in substantial mirror symmetry so that the contours of the shells are substantially aligned;

means for releasably holding the first and second members in the first position;

at least one tool selected from the group consisting of a stapler and a puncher, the at least one tool having a first functional element and a second functional element, the first member comprising the first functional element and the second member comprising the second functional element.

54. The implement of claim 53, wherein each shell comprises a pair of substantially plane lateral surfaces extending substantially orthogonally to the base surface, and top and front surfaces having rounded contours.

55. The implement of claim 53, wherein one of the members has an outer contour comprising a flattened section.

56. The implement of claim 53, wherein in the first position the two base surfaces are spaced apart.

57. The implement of claim 53, wherein the shells in the first position are at least partly arranged in spaced apart relationship and in the first position form an interspace therebetween, the interspace being open to at least one end of the implement and forming a slot for material to be processed by the stapler and the puncher, respectively.

58. The implement of claim 53, wherein the means for releasably holding the first and second members in the first position comprise a latch.

59. A multipurpose handheld implement comprising:

a first and a second member, the members being pivotably connected and movable about a member axis between a first and a second position, the members in the first position forming an elongated substantially closed body;

wherein each member comprises a hollow outer shell having a circumferential contour defining a respective base surface;

the shells substantially corresponding in shape to each other;

wherein the member axis extends parallel to the base surfaces and orthogonal to a longitudinal axis of the members;

and wherein the base surfaces face one another and the shells are arranged in substantial mirror symmetry so that the contours of the shells are substantially aligned, when the members are in the first position;

wherein means for releasably holding the first and second members in the first position are provided; and

wherein at least one tool selected from the group consisting of a stapler and a puncher is provided, the stapler comprising a staple magazine, a staple driver

and a staple anvil and an actuation element for the stapler as functional elements and the puncher comprises a punch, a hole die and an actuation element for the puncher as functional elements; and

wherein each member comprises at least one functional element of the at least one tool so that the at least one tool is actuatable by relative movement of the members between the first and second positions.

60. The implement of claim 59, wherein each shell comprises a pair of substantially plane lateral surfaces extending substantially orthogonally to the base surface, and top and front surfaces having rounded contours.

61. The implement of claim 59, wherein one of the members has an outer contour comprising a flattened section.

62. The implement of claim 59, wherein in the first position the two base surfaces are spaced apart.

63. The implement of claim 59, wherein the shells in the first position are at least partly arranged in a spaced apart relationship and in the first position form an interspace therebetween, the interspace being open to at least one end of the implement and forming a slot for material to be processed by the stapler and the puncher, respectively.

64. The implement of claim 59, wherein the means for releasably holding the first and second members in the first position comprise a latch.

65. A handheld implement in the form of a one-hole puncher comprising:
a first member and a second member, the first and second members comprising a hole die, a punch, a support stage adjacent the hole die, and a stop which delimits an insertion depth of material to be punched;

the second member being movably mounted to the first member to actuate the punch;

one of the members comprising a window through which material to be punched is visible from an exterior of one of the members to facilitate lateral positioning of the material;

wherein the window is positioned to permit an area of the support stage between the hole die and the stop to be visible.

66. The implement of claim 65, wherein the window is arranged in the one of the members containing the hole die.

67. The implement of claim 65, wherein the window comprises a light guide, the support stage being provided with an opening receiving the light guide.

68. The implement of claim 67, wherein the light guide ends at an outer top surface of the member in which it is mounted.

69. The implement of claim 65, wherein the window comprises a visible mark aligned with a punch axis.

70. The implement of claim 69, wherein the window comprises a light guide, and wherein the mark is provided on the light guide.

71. The implement of claim 67, wherein the light guide is enlarged from the support stage towards the exterior.

72. The implement of claim 67, wherein the light guide has a substantially rectangular sectional shape.

73. The implement of claim 67, wherein the light guide at its outer end has a lens-shaped configuration.

74. A handheld implement in the form of a one-hole puncher comprising: a first member and a second member, the first and second members comprising a hole die, a punch, a support stage adjacent the hole die and a stop line for limiting an insert depth of material to be punched;

the second member being movable with respect to the first member to actuate the punch;

wherein one of the members comprises a window for laterally positioning material to be punched, the window being positioned with respect to a line extending through an axis of the punch and vertically with respect to the stop line so that the material may be aligned via a mark for indicating a punch position.

75. The implement of claim 74, wherein the window comprises positioning assistance means for adjusting to a mark provided on the material to be punched.

76. The implement of claim 74, wherein the member comprising the support stage comprises the window.

77. A handheld implement in the form of a one hole puncher comprising: a first member and a second member, the first and second members comprising a hole die, a punch, a support stage adjacent the hole die, and a stop line which delimits an insertion depth of material to be punched;

the second member being movably mounted to the first member to actuate the punch;

one of the members comprises positioning assistance means for laterally positioning material to be punched;

the positioning assistance means being positioned with respect to a line extending through an axis of the punch and vertically with respect to the stop line so that the material to be punched may be aligned to a punch position via a mark;

wherein the member comprising the support stage comprises the positioning assistance means.